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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

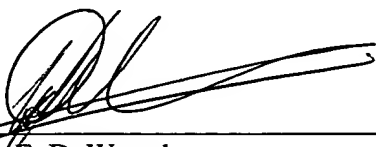
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2003 for two months from January 16, 2004 to March 16, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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